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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

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FOR DEPT OF THE INTERIOR FISH AND WILDLIFE
SERVICE, DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT,
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TAGS: SENV TBIO VE US

SUBJ: FOREIGN WILDLIFE LAWS

REF: STATE 126168

1. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED WILDLIFE DIVISION OF VENEZUELAN
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TOINFORM THEM OF USFWS'S INTEREST
IN ASCERTAINING FOREIGN WILDLIFE LAWS FOR PURPOSES
OUTLINED INREF.

2. EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR INFO HAS BEEN
ANSWERED BY VENEZUELAN WILDLIFE OFFICE AS FOLLOWS:

A) IN ALL CASES, EXPORT PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE
EXPORTATION OF WILDLIFE OR WILDLIFE PROJECTS. (ARTICLE 89
OF VENEZUELA'S WILDLIFE PROTECTION LAW).

B) EXPORT PERMITS ARE GRANTED ONLY FOR ANIMALS ON THE
OFICIAL LIST OF SPECIES OPEN TO HUNTING, EXCEPT IN CASES
OF EXPORTS RELATED TO MATTERS INVOLVING SCIENTIFIC
INTEREST OF ZOO PARK EXCHANGES. ESCEPTIONS MAY ALSO BE
GRANTED

WHEN THE OFFICE DETERMINES UPON RECEIT OF EVI-
DENTIARY DOCUMENTATION, THAT THE ANIMAL
FOR WHICH THE EXPORT PERMIT IS SOUGHT WAS IN
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POSSESSION OF THE PERSON SEEKING THE PERMIT PRIOR TO

THE ENACTMENT OF EXPORT PROHIBITIONS. TO EXPORT ANY SPECIES INCLUDED IN AFOREMENTIONED LIST, THE INTERESTED PERSON MUST PRESENT A LICENSE WHICH ENTITLED HIM TO HUNT THE SPECIES IN QUESTION. (ARTICLE 76 OF WILDLIFE PROTECTION LAW). AT PRESENT THE REQUISITE HUNTING LICENSES ARE BEING ISSUED ONLY FOR THE "CAPIBARA" (HYDROCHOERUS CAPYBARA) OR CHIQUE, THEREBY LIMITING EXPORTS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED SPECIES. (RESOLUTION NO DGRR-5-418 OF 11/26/75).

C) WILDLIFE EXPORT PERMITS ARE ISSUED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE OFFICE (OFICINA NACIONAL DE FAUNA SILVESTRE), OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK (MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA Y CRIA) IN CARACAS. REGIONAL OFFICES OF THIS MINISTRY ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE SUBJECT PERMITS.

D) SUBJECT PERMIT IS AUTHENTICATED BY A CONTROL NUMBER, THE SIGNATURE OF THE CHIEF OF THE WILDLIFE OFFICE, AND THAT OFFICE'S SEAL.

E) THE EMBASSY WAS ADVISED THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRANSLATIONS OF EXPORT PERMITS UPON REQUEST WILL BE CONSIDERED BY

INTERESTED GOV AUTHORITIES, AND THAT EMBASSY WILL

BE ADVISED. EMBASSY WILL RELAY GOV'S DECISION ON THIS MATTER.
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